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OFFICE HOURS: From 8 to 10 o'clock A. M., and from 4 to 6 P. M. For the present, some of our notices will also be found there between 7 and 9 o'clock each week night to receive business.

About Town.

Prof. C. M. Davis has lately been appointed to the position of Secretary of the Society of Christian Philosophy. This is the organization of which Dr. Deans is president, and in which Rev. A. H. Bradford, of Montclair, and other clergymen and literary men are deeply interested.

The path across the center of the Park from Park Place to Broad Street has been changed to a direct line in compliance with a general desire. And while we are about it, we respectfully suggest that now is the best time to place trees in proper position to the north of that walk, as they already are to the south of it. The trees are not endangered while the earth about them is too soft for travel, but the new sod becomes a playground again unless this is done. And after ball-playing begins, it will not be easy to lay with that open space what can readily be done with it now.

Where is the Sidewalk Committee of the township? Let them begin to commence, for THE CITIZEN is about to commence to begin.

THE CITIZEN came out to Bloomfield on Friday night through the rain. The proverb says, "Blessed is the corpse that the rain rains on," and as the paper had then become, in the printer's sense, only "dead matter," the editors appropriated the benediction. If, however, anybody deludes himself with the idea that we are a corpse, let him be undeceived. It is only the type that is "dead"—but THE CITIZEN will be found to be very active disembodied spirit.

The Township Committee have offered two rewards of \$350 each for the arrest and conviction of the incendiary whose acts destroyed Mr. Harvey Dodd's shop and Mr. Reuben Dodd's stables and adjacent property. There are several persons in the township who have suspicions, more or less accurate, which ought to be put together, sifted, and followed out. We commend this to the Township Committee as a legitimate pursuit of knowledge under no very appalling difficulties.

Now that THE CITIZEN is here you can put your notices in our columns as well as upon the elm trees. More people will see them.

Miss Anna L. Ward, well known among us as the joint author of the "Cyclopedia of Practical Quotations," is just about to issue a new book. It is entitled "Surf and Wave." It is her own individual compilation, and consists of the best songs and descriptive poetry to be found in English literature relating to the sea. The last proofs have been revised, and Messrs. T. Y. Crowell & Co., of Boston, announce it for immediate publication. It is handsomely illustrated, largely from designs by Miss Florentine H. Hayden, of Waterbury, Conn., whose frequent visits to Bloomfield have made her almost one of ourselves.

For ingenuity commend us always to a boy. We have such a young gentleman in town—one who is of a nature not to be daunted by difficulties. The big horse was unavailable, but the big horse's harness and the large buggy were within reach. The youth, therefore, took his riding pony—a docile little beast about as small as himself—and fitted him with the great harness and into the tall buggy, instead of the missing link. Then, with his invited guest, he set out for a ride. They stopped about every minute, because the pony would walk out through the harness, and no amount of tightening could hold him in. The animal was quite placid, and didn't caracole much the next day—and confessions being in order, THE CITIZEN heard the story.

The Gallagher estate is erecting a neat cottage on Hillside Avenue, to be occupied when complete by Mr. Howe.

The Bloomfield Amateur Cornet Band has always deserved and received the cordial support of our citizens. Next Wednesday evening they will afford us an opportunity of replenishing their treasury and enjoying an entertainment of exceptionally high order at the same time. When Miss Brown read here be-

fore she created the utmost enthusiasm, and the music of the home orchestra was received with great favor. Let our people show that they can appreciate a good thing when it is offered to them.

The works of the Combination Roll and Rubber Company are now running to their full capacity. Within the past two weeks the machinery and workmen have been removed from Montville, and set at work in this place. They have here a fine water-power, which can be relied upon at all times. The works are under the control of Mr. John Greacen, Jr., while Mr. Stanley Greacen has charge of the office in New York. The family reside in the house formerly occupied by Mr. J. W. Potter.

Mr. Tenney, of Montclair, who has purchased upon Clark Street, Glen Ridge, is about to remove to his new residence.

The Baptist church, feeling a sense of deficiency in their present horse-sheds, are about to make them pleasanter for man and beast.

The Westminster Presbyterian church is to be painted at once.

The little house on the Close property, adjoining the Theological Seminary, is being rapidly demolished by boys. The building is a nuisance, and we think the boys ought to be encouraged.

The Park M. E. Church will give a lawn party on the afternoon and evening of May 30th—Decoration day. There will be music, fireworks, balloon ascensions, rifle ranges, archery, refreshments, etc. All are cordially invited to be present.

We understand that a tennis club is about to be organized for the coming season.

The lecture on "Dickens" in the Seminary Course will be given on Tuesday evening, May 8th, instead of the 9th as announced, in order to avoid conflicting with Miss Brown's readings at Library Hall.

We learn that the electric motor controlled by Mr. Taft, of Greenville, N. J., is to be placed on the street railroad within the next month. It operates through the rails and by means of a current of electricity which flows across the running gear. It has been practically tested, and is said to save some sixty per cent. of the present tariff on hoofs and hides. The previous motive power has been rather galvanic.

Mr. Romeyn Berry, son of Dr. Berry, of Montclair, starts this week for Dakota. Everybody seems to be going to Dakota, somehow. It must be pleasant to take in, either for recreation or business.

Dr. Davis is moving one of his houses from the canal end of Monroe Place to the corner of Spruce and Fremont Sts., and has rented it to Mr. Hallock, son-in-law of Mr. R. W. Gardner, before it is fairly planted.

A certain young gent while perambulating Franklin Street on Tuesday eve mistook himself for Samson, of "ye olden time," and began carrying away gates, fences, etc., distributing some of these in dangerous positions along the sidewalk.

As this singular freak of nature occurs periodically, we are inclined to consider it a new development of malaria. We do most seriously advise our young friend, for the good of his health, to take a giant dose of quinine and then "go West," where a larger and more remunerative field of operations will be afforded for cultivating his muscular powers.

An evidence of enterprise must be noted in the case of Mr. Henry Lindemeyer, whose property on Broad Street, near Bay Avenue, is in fine order. Within the past two years several thousand dollars have been spent in building a trout pond, and in draining and improving the adjacent land. A boat-house is soon to be built, when boating and fishing will be added to the recreations of the family.

Our article from "The Dreamer" for this week has been unavoidably crowded out, though in type.

The Home Literary Society met at Reuben Hine's, on Spruce Street, Wednesday evening. The programme was excellent. Music, readings, and essays were all of a humorous nature.

Monthly Meeting of the Town Committee.

The regular monthly meeting of the Township Committee was held at their rooms in Library Hall, Wednesday evening, present Messrs. Sherman, Dodd, and Hayes. In the absence of Chairman Farland, Mr. Hayes presided.

The most of the business transacted was of a routine character.

The committee ordered that the sidewalk on Broad Street, between Martin's stores and residence of Horace Pierson, be relaid at once. They also directed the Town Surveyor to ascertain whether Martin's buildings encroach upon the street line, and they also determined to have that portion of the sidewalk lowered so as to conform to the established grade of Broad Street.

It was determined to remove the posts surrounding the Green, and our advertising columns contain a notice that they are to be sold at auction next Thursday. Mr. S. S. Battin, the president of the Newark and Bloomfield Horse Railway Company, appeared before the Committee and requested permission to run two of the cars of that line through the township by means of an electric motor to be attached to the cars.

After listening to Mr. Battin's explanations and receiving his assurance that the experiment would not affect the public to their injury, the Committee decided to grant the permission requested, reserving the right, however, to withdraw this permission at any time if it appeared that these cars interfered in any way with the public use of Bloomfield Avenue, or of the horse railroad.

Their Fiftieth Anniversary.

So few persons live to see the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day that it is always appropriate to give such events something more than a passing notice. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Osborn, of Bloomfield, were married fifty years ago on the first day of May. The wedding took place in Newark, and the bride and groom were married by the Rev. Baxter Dickinson, then pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church.

A quiet celebration of this anniversary took place in their home in Bloomfield. Three of their sons were present to unite in their congratulations, the fourth being necessarily absent in Colorado. With the exception of a few years, Mr. Osborn has been all his life a resident of Bloomfield, and is now living within a short distance of the spot where he was born.

His recollection of local events that occurred during the early part of the century is quite distinct, and he could readily furnish valuable material for a history of Bloomfield. Although seventy-eight years of age, Mr. Osborn betrays hardly a trace of the infirmities of age, and is easily mistaken for a man of sixty. For many years he has been an elder in the First Presbyterian Church and has survived the most of those who have been either its pastors or members during the past fifty years.

Seminary Lectures.

On Wednesday evening, the first lecture of the course on English literature was delivered by Rev. Mr. Duffield. If smiling faces and almost continuous laughter be any index, then both lecturer and audience have every reason to be delighted with the result. The subject was English humorists, and gave Mr. Duffield full scope for the exercise of his wonderful faculty for telling good stories, and bringing to light many a quaint and humorous bit of work which less diligent delvers stand little chance of discovering. Those who were present enjoyed an hour of pure and wholesome fun mingled with not a little Touchstone-like wisdom. With those who should and could have been present and were not, we have little patience. That only thirty or forty from outside the seminary should avail themselves of the opportunity afforded by the faculty to attend such lectures, for a merely nominal sum, is not creditable to the intelligent portion of the community. Next Tuesday evening Mr. Duffield will lecture on Dickens. We hope to be able to record the fact that there was not a seat left vacant.

The Essex County Hunt.

The Special Meet took place on Wednesday last at Pine Brook. It was pronounced the most successful and enjoyable day's sport that has fallen to the lot of the club since its organization. Three wild foxes were started, two of which were run down and killed. The horses and hounds never did better, about thirty miles of rough country being covered. The day was finished by a dinner at the Pine Brook Tavern.

The Village Improvement Association.

At a meeting of the Public Meeting Committee of the Village Improvement Association, it was decided to defer for a few weeks the public meeting which is to be called to consider the matter of making an arrangement with the East Orange Water Company for a supply of water for public and private use. Full notice of this meeting will be given in our columns, and the delay will enable those who are specially interested in this matter to give it further consideration.

The Slough.

To The Bloomfield Citizen: Hundreds of rubbers, scores of boot-shines, dozens of dry feet, countless and spotless unctionables, several gross of tidy hose, and uncountable temper, time, and patience are lost every day in the sidewalk slough between the Library Building and Pierson's new store. But then, to make up the loss, there's a great increase of free speech. Where's the Town Committee—sidewalk sub-section? Where's the more sidewalk and less mud, gentlemen.

Yours,
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